

Please note! This page describes the *nature of the error* using a hypothetical example and not the erroneous data of the input test file. You should however be able to apply this information to your error case.

## General description of the error:

**The format of the error message:** The value of attribute \"{1}\" associated with an element type \"{0}\" must not contain the "<" character.

**Error description in schema standard:** <http://www.w3.org/TR/2004/REC-xml-20..4/#NT-AttValue>

### Possible causes for this error:

- Character '<' is used in attribute value
- Attribute is missing closing quotation mark "
- Attribute value is between characters ' and ', for example <InstdAmt Ccy="JPY">1000000</InstdAmt> Attribute value has to be closed with the same character starting it

### Example 1

```
<InstdAmt Ccy="<EUR">123.45</InstdAmt>
```

**Error message:** *Fatal Error LessthanInAttValue : The value of attribute "Ccy" associated with an element type "InstdAmt" must not contain the '<' character.*

**How to fix:** Remove character '<' from attribute

```
<InstdAmt Ccy="EUR">123.45</InstdAmt>
```

### Example 2

```
<InstdAmt Ccy="EUR">123.45</InstdAmt>
```

**Error message:** *Fatal Error LessthanInAttValue : The value of attribute "Ccy" associated with an element type "InstdAmt" must not contain the '<' character.*

**Error meaning:** From service's point of view characters < and > are found within attribute, because attribute is started but not closed

**How to fix:** Add character " to mark the end location of attribute

```
<InstdAmt Ccy="EUR">123.45</InstdAmt>
```